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SUBJ: GULF: AMBASSADOR RAISES CASE WITH FINANCE MINISTER -
NEW DELAYS REVEALED

REF: LIMA 2748

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED GULF QUESTION WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE
LUIS BARUA DURING COURSE INFORMAL CONVERSATION MORNING
APRIL 11, REMINDING MINISTER THAT SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF GULF
EXPROPRIATION WAS FAST APPROACHING AND THAT SETTLEMENT HAD
NOT YET BEEN CONCLUDED.

2. BARUA INDICATED THAT SETTLEMENT WAS VERY NEAR, BUT CALLED
OVER VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE ROBERTO KEIL TO INQUIRE ABOUT
DETAILS. KEIL TOLD MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR THAT CASE WAS ALL
BUT SETTLED, BUT THEN RAISED TWO ISSUES WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD
HAD LONG SINCE BEEN RESOLVED; FIRST, PAYMENT OF FOREIGN
EXCHANGE TRANSACTION FEE FOR \$1.5 MILLION REMITTANCE, AND,
SECOND, ALLEGED 50,000 SOLES TAX LIABILITY BY GULF.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY ECON COUNSELOR CALLED KEIL FOR
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CLARIFICATION OF ABOVE SITUATION. KEIL TOLD ECON COUNSELOR
THAT HE WAS COMMUNICATING WITH VICE MINISTER OF MINES
TORD THAT DAY (APRIL 11) TO NOTE THAT MINISTRY OF FINANCE
WAS UNWILLING (AS MINISTRY OF MINES HAD SUGGESTED) TO SEEK
SPECIAL LEGISLATION EXONERATING GULF FROM PAYING SUCH A
MODEST SUM AS 50,000 SOLES (US\$ 668). KEIL IMPLIED THAT
GULF SHOULD BE WILLING TO ABSORB THIS AMOUNT. KEIL ALSO

SAID HE WOULD ASK TORD TO CONFIRM THAT GULF HAS AGREED TO PAY
FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTION FEE, WHICH KEIL DESCRIBED AS
VERY SMALL SUM.

4. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, EMBASSY IS URGING RAUL KERRERO, GULF
ATTORNEY HERE, TO SEEK EARLY MEETING WITH VICE MINISTER TORD
TO EXPEDITE RESOLUTION THESE MINI-ISSUES. IN ANY CASE, IT
IS NOW APPARENT THAT GULF CASE IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY TO BE
DECIDED AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING APRIL 12.
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